

# **COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2021**

Lorna Negen called the Commission on Aging and Disability Services meeting to order at 9:00 am  
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## **Roll Call**

Dianne Birkholz, Judy Braun, Shirley Kitchen, Lorna Negen (phone), Gary Schmidt, Del Yaroch

## **Also Present**

Diane Coulter, Sheila Drays (phone), Jennie Farmer, Catherine Knickelbein (phone), Kris Schefft, Jackie Wendlandt

## **Excused**

Jody Langfeldt

## **Absent**

None

## **Roll Call, Introductions, and Non-Member County Board Members**

Roll call and introductions commenced.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Action on the Minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting**

Del Yaroch motioned and Shirley Kitchen seconded to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

## **Highlight of Positions in the ADRC**

Diane Coulter is one of six Aging and Disability Resource (ADR) Specialists for the ADRC. Diane stated the primary job of an ADRC Specialist is to take calls from consumers looking for assistance or resources based off their needs. This includes enrolling consumers into long-term care (LTC) programs as well as completing a functional screen and making sure they are on Medicaid as part of that eligibility. Each day there is a primary person and a person on back up on phones at all times. Diane is part of the marketing team and three ADR Specialists make up the transition team. Transition means children aging up into adulthood (18 years old).

## **Aging/Nutrition/Transportation Supervisor's Activity Updates**

Kris Schefft stated there is a new van coming from the 2019 grant Jackie DeLaRosa applied for and there is hopes to get another van this fall for a total of seven vans by end of 2021. Kris stated that Watertown finally went back to hot meals and is temporarily operating out of the Hustisford meal site. Jackie DeLaRosa is actively looking for a permanent site. Kris stated that an LTE Nutrition Coordinator was hired to help Jackie with day to day operations. The position was offered to Kayla Kleinsteinber and she started on 2/22.

## **Caregiver/Dementia Specialist Program Updates**

Catherine Knickelbein discussed the 2021 virtual Caregiver Spring Break to be held on April 8, 2021 from 9 am until 3 pm and will have speakers Teepa Snow and Becky Kerkenbush, as well as the play entitled "Steering into the Skid". Catherine explained that the current virtual book club has been well received with 12 participants signed up. This virtual book club is a six-week consecutive series focuses on the book "God Knows Caregiving Can Pull You Apart, 12 Ways to Keep It All Together".

### **Benefit Specialist Activity Updates**

Jennie Farmer is the new dual Disability/Elder Benefit Specialist. Jennie stated virtual Welcome to Medicare Workshops are still being held. The next ones are as follows: March 16 at 1 pm, April 6 at 9 am, May 20 at 4 pm, and June 15 at 9 am. Jennie explained the general enrollment period for Part B and Advantage plans runs until March 31. Jennie states the Benefit Specialist page on the county's webpage has been completely updated.

### **ADRC/Aging Supervisor's Activity Updates**

December 2020 and January 2021 call statistics were provided for members of this board and briefly discussed. Kris went over highlighted sections of the *Required Categories for 2022-2024 Aging Plan Goals* provided for members of this board. The rough draft of the aging plan is due in July with a final submission by November. As part of this aging plan a survey has been created and asked that members of this board fill out and return to get thoughts and ideas on what services and programs can be improved on in regards to residents of Dodge County as they age. Kris provided members of this board *Governor Evers' 2021-23 Biennial Budget* as well as the *2020 ADRC Scope of Services* and the *Bipartisan Bill* article. Brief discussion ensued. Kris stated the Conflict of Interest Policy will be addressed at a future meeting. Kris explained that she has been speaking with Karen Gibson, County Clerk, in regards to the election of a new chair and Karen stated that this person will be appointed at the next County Board meeting which at that point elections for our board can be held.

### **Future Agenda Items - Opportunity to Request Topics of Discussion for Future Meetings**

The 2022-2024 year Aging Plan will be discussed further by both supervisors, Kris Schefft and Jackie DeLaRosa at the next meeting.

### **Review of Operations**

Lorna Negen stated that she took part of a sleep study as part of Alzheimer's research. There has been nothing held since then. Judy Braun stated that she is now an AARP Wisconsin Advocate Volunteer.

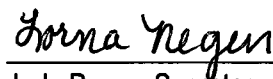
### **Meetings in 2021**

The next meetings of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services will be on **May 11, July 13, September 14, and November 9 at 9:00 am** in the **Henry Dodge Office Building, 199 County Road DF**.

### **Adjournment**

Dianne Birkholz motioned and Del Yaroach seconded to adjourn this meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services at 9:42 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Braun, Secretary

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